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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to a non-final Office action dated 09/19/2008, the following response is submitted. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the specification begin on page 5 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.